

To the Voters of the Senatorial District composing the Counties of Ralls and Pike:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—The freemen of Missouri at the last August election having expressed their determination to hold a Convention for the purpose of remodeling our State Constitution; the duty of making suitable selections among our citizens to effect this object, will soon devolve upon us. The deep importance of the task to be confided to representative hands in that body—the wisdom, experience and firmness required for framing an instrument under which we, and our posterity may live, demand that the utmost caution should be exercised in the selection of agents to carry out our will. Never since the formation of our existing constitution, has an election occurred which will involve interests more important to the future prosperity of our State. The political destiny, and future well-being of our citizens may be in a great measure dependant upon the action of that Convention, and the same dangers which have beset other governments from an unwisely framed government may beset us. The only guarantee against these evils, is to be found in the exercise of the utmost foresight and caution. The feeling of the partizan should now be buried in his desire to promote the welfare of his country; and the voter should approach the polls untrammelled by the fetters of party. It has been with a view to these considerations that a large number of our people, without regard to party, have determined to cast their votes for our firm, able, and distinguished fellow-citizen, the Hon. EZRA HUNT—confiding as they do in his honesty, his profound learning, and his entire ability to give satisfaction to the people whom he may represent. A disposition to secure his services in that important body has been confined to no one portion of our district, but in every neighborhood a decided wish has been manifested that his name may be brought before the people. The absence of that gentleman upon a visit to the East, during the present summer, has precluded the possibility of our having such intercourse with him as would heretofore justify his friends in positively announcing him as a candidate. After mature reflection, however, with a knowledge of the character of the man—from the deep interest that he has ever expressed in the action of our approaching Convention, we have, after frequent consultation, determined to place him fairly before the people for a seat in that body, with a perfect confidence that he will never falter from the discharge of any duty imposed upon him by his countrymen.

The prominent question to be agitated before the Convention will be the Equalizing of Representation. Upon this subject the opinions of Judge Hunt are decided, as he has ever been a firm and consistent defender of this feature, so necessary to preserve in our institutions even the semblance of a republican government. The injustice and manifest inequality of representation in our State at the present, have never met with countenance from him, and will in the event of his election, find in his course a bitter, uncompromising opposition. He has also never hesitated to express his partiality for the plan of electing Judges by the people—considering them the proper source of all power, and regarding them as fully competent to make the best selections for all posts of trust and honor. In a word, the views of Judge Hunt are thoroughly republican, and are such as are in strict accordance with the views of a large majority of the voters of our district.

The undersigned, therefore respectfully submit the claims of Judge Hunt to the voters of this district, and ask at their hands a candid investigation of his standing as a citizen—his moral worth—his great experience, and his firm unwavering honesty of character—with a perfect confidence that there is not one man in the district who can deny his ability to discharge with credit the duties of the station to which he may be called.

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Bowling Green, Mo., July 26th, 1846.